


REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that the application is in condition for allowance, except for some formal matters. On page 2 of the Office Action, the amendment filed February 6, 2002 was objected to as introducing new matter. Specifically, the Examiner objected to Applicants' copying of the contents of the Appendix into the disclosure. However, Applicants respectfully disagree because such content was in fact present in the original filing of the specification, as 22 pages referred to as Appendix I. Attached is a copy of Appendix I as filed, from the prosecution file of the undersigned, together with a copy of the stamped postcard receipt indicating that 22 pages of the Appendix were enclosed in the Express Mail package that contained the rest of the filed specification.

To assist the Examiner in verifying that no new matter has been added, the copied contents of Appendix I begins at paragraph 30 of the substitute specification (filed February 6, 2002) and is verbatim with the section entitled "Detailed Description of the Invention" beginning on page 5 and ending at page 15 of the Appendix. In addition, Figs. 1-3 of the Appendix have been renumbered as Figs. 5-7 in the substitute specification, so as to follow naturally Figs. 1-4 in the subject application. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for pointing out some errors in the substitute specification, namely in regards to the statement regarding the



specification and drawings of the '638 Patent on page 2 as well as some reference numerals used with communication server 150, database server 195 in the '638 Patent disclosure.

As requested by the Examiner, a more detailed Summary and Abstract are provided herein.

Finally, Applicants enclose a complete set of the formal drawings for the substitute specification which includes Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, and 7.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance as all formal matters listed in the Office Action have been dealt with in this amendment. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested to issue at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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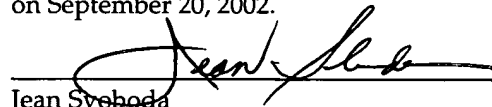


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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0004] as follows:

[0006] The communications server contains resources to receive and process incoming audio and facsimile calls from the circuit switched network into a format suitable for transmission over the packet switched network to the second user's address. In addition, a link is first determined between the second user's address on the circuit switched network and the second user's address on the packet switched network, and then an appropriate route to the second user's address on the packet network is determined. With the system being maintained in a distributed and redundant fashion, reliable receipt and transfer of all messages is ensured. ~~A copy of the specification and drawings of U.S. Patent No. 6,208,638 is attached hereto.~~

Please replace paragraph [0005] as follows:

[0007] However, the architecture utilized as described in U.S. Patent No. 6,208,638 is not easily scalable to handle increasingly higher levels of message traffic or to easily connect to networks in addition to the PSTN and the Internet. Figure 1 shows the essence of the architecture of U.S. Patent No. 6,208,638. An e-mail message is passed to an outbound resource 11 (communications server 550 in U.S. Patent No. 6,208,638) which converts the e-mail message to a fax format or to audio for transmission to a fax machine or telephone connected to the PSTN. A database

13 stores customer information necessary for processing of messages (an unnumbered part of communications server ~~550-150~~ in U.S. Patent No. 6,208,638 which is also contained in database server ~~595-195~~ in U.S. Patent No. 6,208,638). After processing of an e-mail message by outbound resource 11, a fax or voice mail message is sent over the PSTN or more generally, a generalized switched telephone network (GSTN) which includes cellular telephone networks as well as the PSTN. Optionally, a pager message may also be sent informing a user of the fax which has been sent or availability of a voice mail message as described in U.S. Patent No. 6,073,165 entitled Processing and Forwarding Messages From a Computer Network to a Forwarding Service.

Please replace paragraph [0024] as follows:

[0025] As noted above outbound resource 31 is equivalent to communications server ~~550-150~~ as described in U.S. Patent No. 6,208,638. The modifications made to outbound resource to enable it to operate in a system having an architecture as described herein are as follows.



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